Sugar Technology Institute in Gujarat

147. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any sugar technology institute functioning in Gujarat ;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether Government propose to establish such an institute in Gujarat ; and

(d) if so, the location thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) The Central Government has no sugar technology institute functioning in Gujarat.

(b) A well established sugar technology institute (Vasantdada Sugar Institute) is functioning in the neighbouring State of Maharashtra which can adequately serve the requirements of the State of Gujarat also.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Quantity of Wheat Procured in Gujarat

148. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total quantity of wheat procured in Gujarat in each District, during the last three years, year-wise, and as on date ;

(b) whether the storage capacity of wheat is less as compared to the quantity procured this year ;

(c) if so, the quantity of foodgrains destroyed during the last three years due to lack of proper storage facilities, year-wise, District-wise ; and

(d) the steps/measures taken by Government to increase the amount spent for this purpose during the last three years, year-wise, District-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) No purchase of wheat had been made either by Food Corporation of India or by State Government during the last three years viz. Rabi 1992-93, 1991-92 and 1990-91. In the current year viz. Rabi 1993-94, 91 tonnes of wheat has been procured from Himatnagar Centre in Sabarkantha district.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) There was no damage to foodgrains during last three years due to lack of storage facilities in Gujarat.

(d) Food Corporation of India has constructed covertible plinths for a capacity of 25,000 tonnes at Godhra. The amount spent for this plinth and some other minor works during the last three years is an under :—

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1990-91	74.57
1991-92	9.65
1992-93	6.52

Crushing Capacity of Sugar Mills

149. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether a study conducted by the Centre of Advanced Development Research has revealed that the existing crushing capacity of the sugar mills is inadequate resulting in heavy loss to the sugar industry

(b) whether Government propose to increase the present crushing capacity of these mills in order to overcome the loss ; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) Yes, Sir. The study conducted by the Centre of Advanced Development Research states that the country has